Indian Olympic Association to a State Olympic Association in consultation with the concerned State Government. The State Government of Jharkhand has informed that they have been allotted National Games to be held in 2007.

(b) Government had been supplementing the efforts of State Government for creation of sports infrastructure under the Scheme of Creation of Sports Infrastructure. This Scheme has since been transferred to State Governments *w.e.f.* 1.4.2005. Again, Government, in relaxation of its approved funding pattern has been providing funds to State Governments for organizing National Games and for purchase of equipments for the same.

(c) The State Government has requested Planning Commission for Additional Central Assistance (ACA) of Rs. 100 crores for National Games, in addition to ACA of Rs. 32 crores already provided during the current year.

Financial assistance to Tamil Nadu

2037. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing financial assistance to various institutions engaged in promotion of sports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly in Tamil Nadu during the last three years; and

(c) the details of modalities of utilization of funds by these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b)The Government of India provides financial assistance to sports institutions such as recognized National sports Federations (NSFs), Sports Authority of India (SAI), Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE), Gwalior under different schemes of this Ministry. The assistance was also provided to Association of Indian Universities (AIU) for their programmes under the scheme of 'Grants for promotion of sports in Universities & Colleges till 31-3-2005. This scheme has been transferred to state sector *w.e.f.* 1-4-2005. All the Institutions mentioned above, work on All India basis. The details of

assistance provided to the afore-said sports institutions during the last three years are given in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix 205 Annexure No. 7]

Details of financial assistances provided under various schemes, *i.e.* Creation of Sports Infrastructure, Promotion of Sports & Games in Schools, All India Rural Sports Tournaments and for conducting National Sports Festival for Women during the last three years, are given in the Annexure [See Appendix 205 Annexure No. 7]

(c) Under the Sports Infrastructure Schemes, except for purchase of sports equipments, the first instalment was released by the Government of India after the grantee had spent atleast 50% of their share towards the cost of the project and had furnished the progress report, audited accounts etc. Again, with a view to ensuring proper utilization of funds by the States as well as NSFs and NGOs, utilization certificates, audited accounts etc. are invariably obtained in respect of the grant already released, before release of further grant for the same purpose.

Venue appraisal for Commonwealth Games

2038. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken so far towards their preparation for holding the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi;

(b) whether a team of experts engaged by the Commonwealth Games Federation for venue appraisal, other issues concerning the games, facilities etc., required to be provided to athletes, has submitted its report to Government;

(c) if so, the main recommendations made by the John Baker Experts Committee; and

(d) the action taken till date thereon, and the number of recommendations still pending and are under consideration of Government, alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The arrangements for holding the Commonwealth Games 2010 at Delhi are underway. A review of existing